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**ARKANSAS
LABOR MARKET
REPORT**



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Workforce Services

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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month's estimates are preliminary, while previous month's data is subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2020 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business

Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full- or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan

Statistical Areas

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

Current Population

Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

Unemployment

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

Unemployment

Rate

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

Seasonal

Adjustment

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.



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**December Spotlight
Coming in 2022**

2022 Arkansas Publication Schedule

| <u>Reference Month</u> | <u>State Press Release</u> | <u>MSA's & Counties*</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| January | 03/14/22 | 03/18/22 |
| February | 03/25/22 | 04/06/22 |
| March | 04/15/22 | 04/27/22 |
| April | 05/20/22 | 06/01/22 |
| May | 06/17/22 | 06/29/22 |
| June | 07/22/22 | 08/03/22 |
| July | 08/19/22 | 08/31/22 |
| August | 09/16/22 | 09/28/22 |
| September | 10/21/22 | 11/02/22 |
| October | 11/18/22 | 12/01/22 |
| November | 12/16/22 | 12/29/22 |
| December | 01/24/23 | 02/01/23 |

*Date when Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and county labor force statistics will be available on the Discover Arkansas website

Upcoming Spotlight Topics

Business Employment Dynamics

Labor Underutilization Rates

A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Wages by County

Business Employment Dynamics

State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

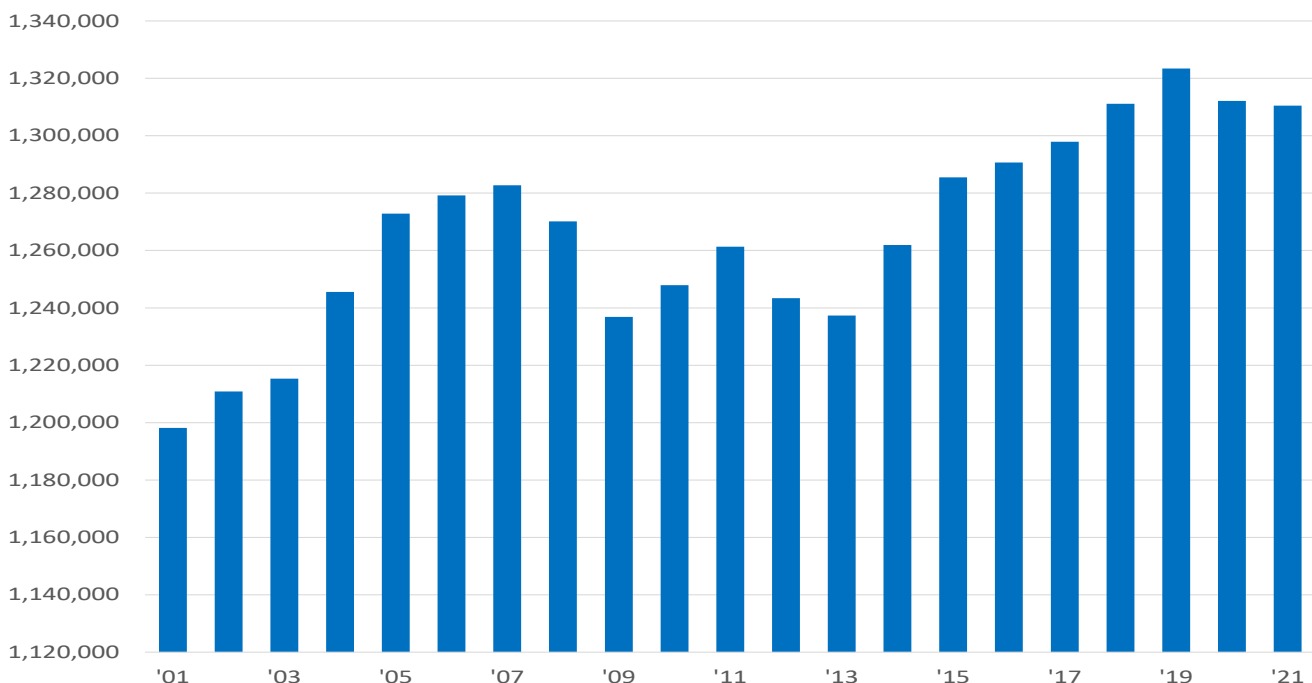
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined three-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.4 percent in November to 3.1 percent in December. Arkansas' civilian labor force decreased by 1,098, a result of 3,750 fewer unemployed and 2,652 additional employed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined to 3.9 percent in December, down three-tenths of a percentage point from 4.2 percent in November.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The unemployment rate in Arkansas dropped to 3.1 percent in December, a new record low rate for the State. While employment has increased for a second month, there are slightly fewer employed Arkansans compared to December 2020. Unemployment is down over the year, as the number of Arkansans actively looking for work has declined for the last six months."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Not Seasonally Adjusted | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Dec 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 20 | | Dec 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 20 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,353,108 | 1,354,206 | 1,379,313 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,352,420 | 1,353,114 | 1,366,653 |
| Employment | 1,310,499 | 1,307,847 | 1,312,142 | Employment | 1,319,784 | 1,323,506 | 1,302,339 |
| Unemployment | 42,609 | 46,359 | 67,171 | Unemployment | 32,636 | 29,608 | 64,314 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.1 | 3.4 | 4.9 | Unemployment Rate | 2.4 | 2.2 | 4.7 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.9 | 4.2 | 6.7 | U.S. Unemployment | 3.7 | 3.9 | 6.5 |

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)
December: 2001 - 2021



**State of Arkansas
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

| (NAICS) | <u>Dec 21</u> | <u>Nov 21</u> | <u>Dec 20</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>OTY</u> |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Nonfarm | 1291.1 | 1292.6 | 1263.8 | -1.5 | 27.3 |
| Goods Producing | 219.6 | 219.9 | 216.6 | -0.3 | 3.0 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 57.4 | 58.0 | 59.3 | -0.6 | -1.9 |
| Mining & Logging | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Construction | 51.7 | 52.3 | 54.0 | -0.6 | -2.3 |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 32.6 | 32.6 | 34.4 | 0.0 | -1.8 |
| Manufacturing | 162.2 | 161.9 | 157.3 | 0.3 | 4.9 |
| Durable Goods | 83.0 | 83.0 | 75.9 | 0.0 | 7.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 79.2 | 78.9 | 81.4 | 0.3 | -2.2 |
| Service Providing | 1071.5 | 1072.7 | 1047.2 | -1.2 | 24.3 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 263.4 | 261.4 | 258.2 | 2.0 | 5.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 48.5 | 47.6 | 46.0 | 0.9 | 2.5 |
| Retail Trade | 144.1 | 142.9 | 143.7 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 70.8 | 70.9 | 68.5 | -0.1 | 2.3 |
| Information | 12.7 | 12.6 | 11.6 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| Financial Activities | 67.8 | 68.2 | 63.5 | -0.4 | 4.3 |
| Finance & Insurance | 54.1 | 54.3 | 50.2 | -0.2 | 3.9 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.7 | 13.9 | 13.3 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| Professional & Business Services | 152.4 | 151.7 | 142.8 | 0.7 | 9.6 |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.8 | 43.8 | 43.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Management of Companies | 35.7 | 35.8 | 34.0 | -0.1 | 1.7 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 72.9 | 72.1 | 65.5 | 0.8 | 7.4 |
| Educational & Health Services | 189.0 | 191.2 | 189.2 | -2.2 | -0.2 |
| Educational Services | 17.5 | 17.4 | 15.9 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 171.5 | 173.8 | 173.3 | -2.3 | -1.8 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 59.9 | 60.5 | 59.6 | -0.6 | 0.3 |
| Social Assistance | 35.7 | 36.6 | 36.6 | -0.9 | -0.9 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 112.2 | 112.7 | 107.8 | -0.5 | 4.4 |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.5 | 11.4 | 10.0 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 100.7 | 101.3 | 97.8 | -0.6 | 2.9 |
| Accommodation Services | 9.9 | 10.0 | 8.7 | -0.1 | 1.2 |
| Food Services | 90.8 | 91.3 | 89.1 | -0.5 | 1.7 |
| Other Services | 66.9 | 67.4 | 65.1 | -0.5 | 1.8 |
| Government | 207.1 | 207.5 | 209.0 | -0.4 | -1.9 |
| Federal Government | 21.1 | 21.0 | 20.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| State Government | 78.0 | 78.4 | 77.4 | -0.4 | 0.6 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.6 | 32.0 | 30.8 | -0.4 | 0.8 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.4 | 46.4 | 46.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 108.0 | 108.1 | 110.8 | -0.1 | -2.8 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 65.1 | 65.0 | 68.0 | 0.1 | -2.9 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.9 | 43.1 | 42.8 | -0.2 | 0.1 |

**State of Arkansas
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

November 2021 - December 2021

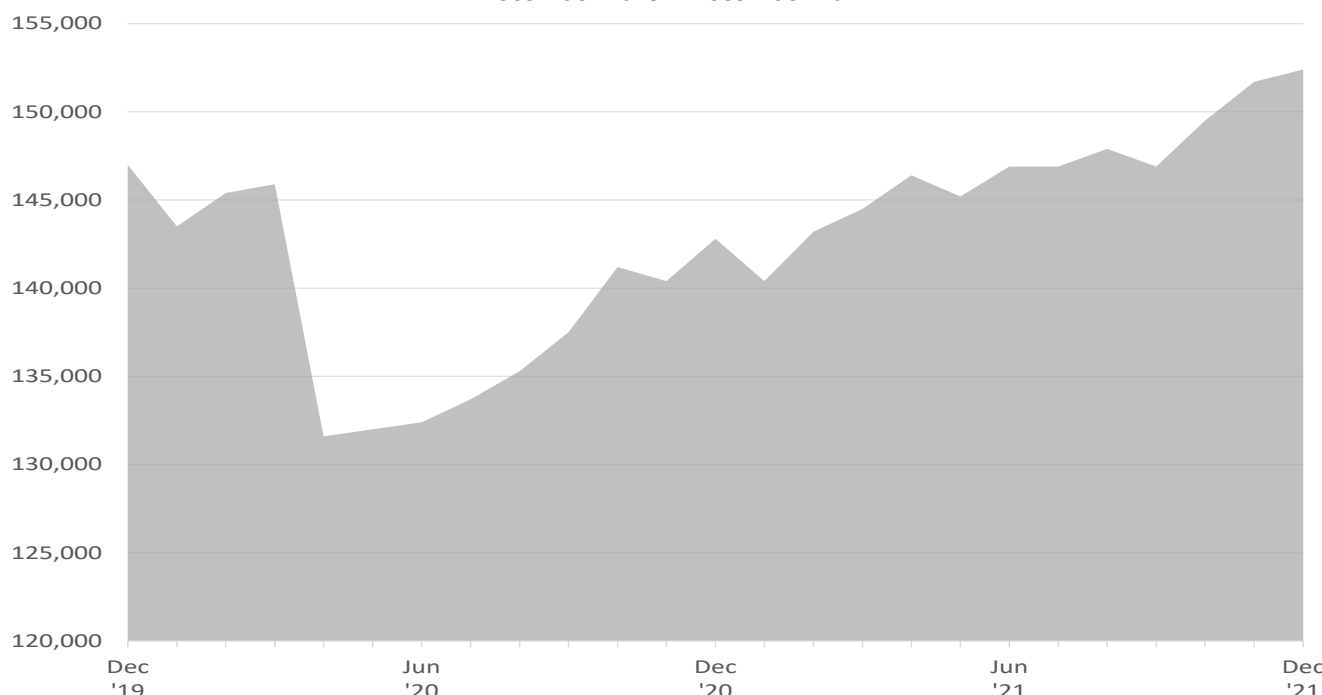
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs decreased 1,500 in December to total 1,291,100. Six major industry sectors posted declines, more than offsetting gains in four major sectors. **Educational and health services** reported the greatest loss, down 2,200 jobs. All decreases were in health care and social assistance (-2,300), with reported contractions in activities such as childcare services, individual and family services, and offices of specialty health practitioners. Small, mostly seasonal declines were posted in **construction** (-600) and **leisure and hospitality** (-500). The largest increase occurred in **trade, transportation, and utilities** (+2,000). Most of the gains were related to holiday hiring in retail trade (+1,200) and wholesale trade (+900).

December 2020 - December 2021

Compared to December 2020, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 27,300. Growth was reported in eight major industry sectors, with five sectors adding 4,300 or more jobs each. Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 9,600. Most of the gains occurred in administrative and support services (+7,400). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 5,200 jobs, mostly in wholesale trade (+2,500) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+2,300). Jobs in **manufacturing** are up 4,900, all in durable goods (+7,100). Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 4,400, with expansions in all subsectors. **Financial activities** increased 4,300. Most of the gains were in finance and insurance (+3,900). Annual losses were posted in **construction** (-2,300) and **government** (-1,900).

Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

December 2019 - December 2021



**State of Arkansas
Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

Manufacturing

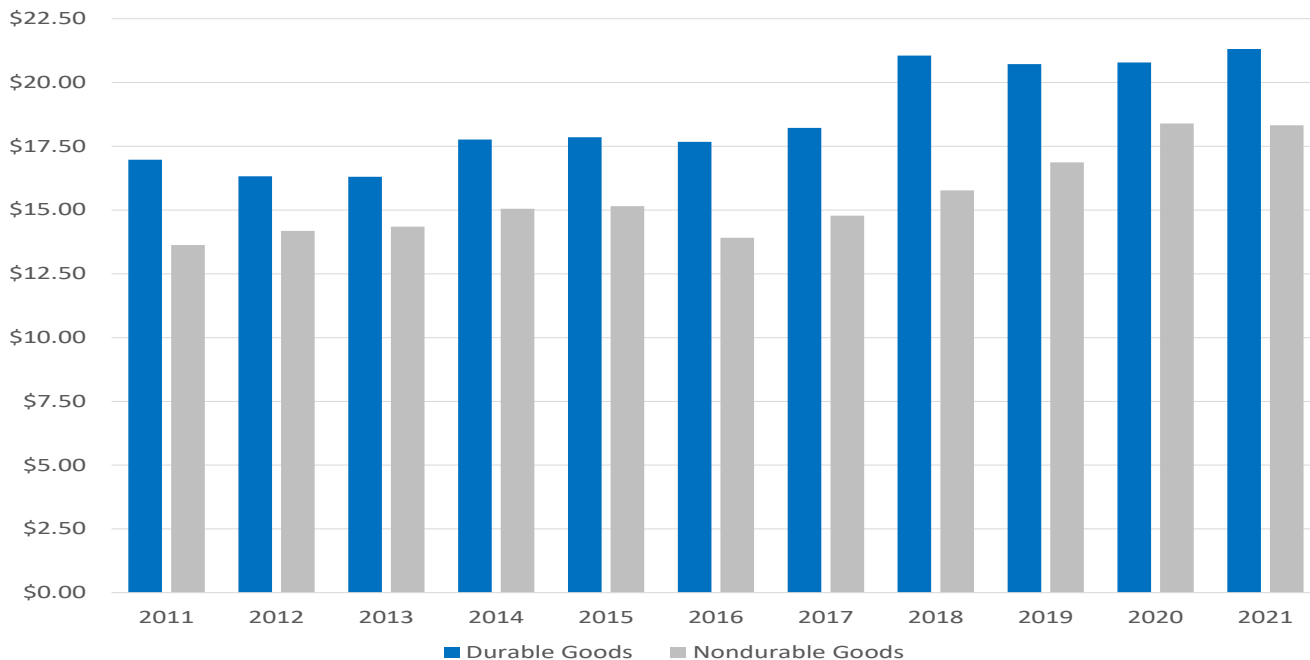
| | Dec 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 20 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Average Weekly Hours | 41.8 | 41.4 | 39.3 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 19.85 | 19.75 | 19.50 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 829.73 | 817.65 | 766.35 |

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

| Durable Goods Manufacturing | | | | Nondurable Goods Manufacturing | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Dec 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 20 | | Dec 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 20 |
| Average Weekly Hours | 41.7 | 41.4 | 38.2 | Average Weekly Hours | 42.0 | 41.3 | 40.4 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 21.31 | 21.10 | 20.78 | Average Hourly Earnings | 18.32 | 18.31 | 18.39 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 888.63 | 873.54 | 793.80 | Average Weekly Earnings | 769.44 | 756.20 | 742.96 |

Average Hourly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods

December: 2011 - 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA = Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

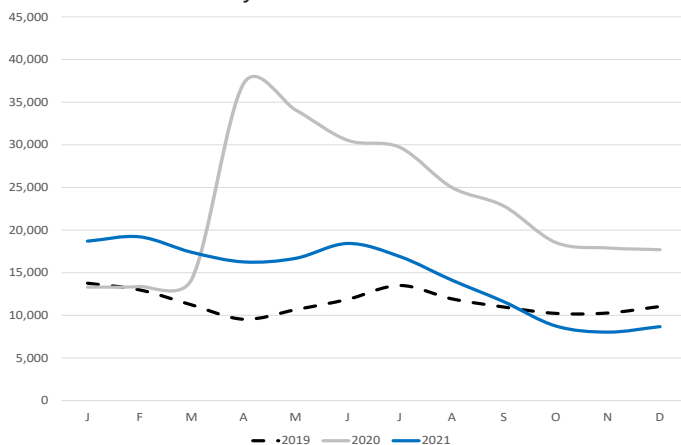
| | <u>Dec 21</u> | <u>Nov 21</u> | <u>Dec 20</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 349,105 | 348,561 | 355,832 | 544 | -6,727 |
| Employment | 340,428 | 340,526 | 338,136 | -98 | 2,292 |
| Unemployment | 8,677 | 8,035 | 17,696 | 642 | -9,019 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.5 | 2.3 | 5.0 | 0.2 | -2.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

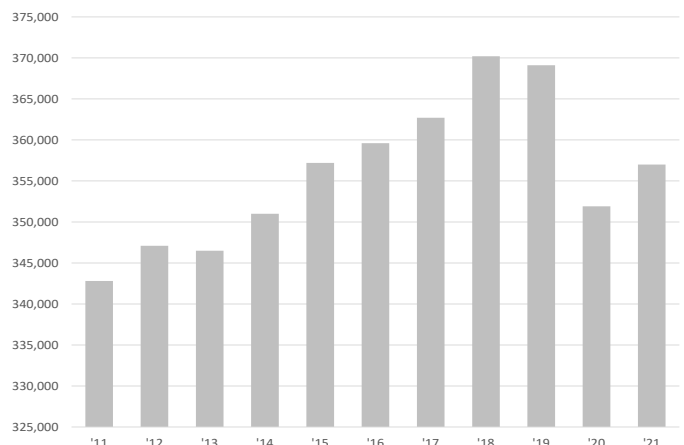
(In Thousands)

| <u>NAICS</u> | <u>Dec 21</u> | <u>Nov 21</u> | <u>Dec 20</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm | 357.0 | 357.4 | 351.9 | -0.4 | 5.1 |
| Goods Producing | 35.9 | 35.7 | 36.4 | 0.2 | -0.5 |
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 17.1 | 16.8 | 17.5 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
| Manufacturing | 18.8 | 18.9 | 18.9 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Service Providing | 321.1 | 321.7 | 315.5 | -0.6 | 5.6 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 71.2 | 70.5 | 71.3 | 0.7 | -0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 15.9 | 15.6 | 15.1 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| Retail Trade | 38.7 | 38.4 | 39.7 | 0.3 | -1.0 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16.6 | 16.5 | 16.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Information | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Financial Activities | 24.2 | 24.1 | 22.3 | 0.1 | 1.9 |
| Professional & Business Services | 44.5 | 44.4 | 44.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Educational & Health Services | 59.4 | 60.8 | 58.9 | -1.4 | 0.5 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 30.7 | 30.8 | 28.3 | -0.1 | 2.4 |
| Other Services | 18.3 | 18.3 | 17.6 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Government | 67.5 | 67.6 | 67.9 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Federal Government | 10.1 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 34.3 | 34.5 | 34.3 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 23.1 | 23.1 | 23.7 | 0.0 | -0.6 |

Number of Unemployed
January 2019 - December 2021



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
December: 2011 - 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas and McDonald county in Missouri.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| | <u>Dec 21</u> | <u>Nov 21</u> | <u>Dec 20</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 298,830 | 299,344 | 291,307 | -514 | 7,523 |
| Employment | 293,976 | 294,941 | 281,221 | -965 | 12,755 |
| Unemployment | 4,854 | 4,403 | 10,086 | 451 | -5,232 |
| Unemployment Rate | 1.6 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 0.1 | -1.9 |

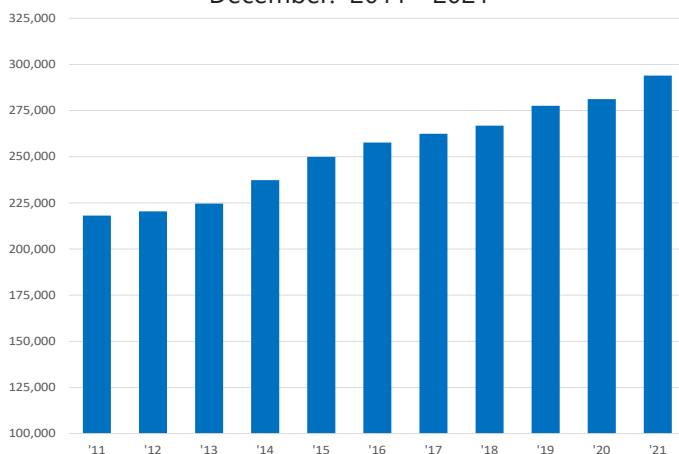
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| <u>NAICS</u> | <u>Dec 21</u> | <u>Nov 21</u> | <u>Dec 20</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm | 284.2 | 285.4 | 269.1 | -1.2 | 15.1 |
| Goods Producing | 45.4 | 45.5 | 44.7 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 14.0 | 14.2 | 13.3 | -0.2 | 0.7 |
| Manufacturing | 31.4 | 31.3 | 31.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Service Providing | 238.8 | 239.9 | 224.4 | -1.1 | 14.4 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 62.3 | 61.6 | 58.8 | 0.7 | 3.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.2 | 12.9 | 12.1 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| Retail Trade | 29.7 | 29.4 | 28.0 | 0.3 | 1.7 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 19.4 | 19.3 | 18.7 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Information | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Financial Activities | 8.6 | 8.9 | 8.6 | -0.3 | 0.0 |
| Professional & Business Services | 57.0 | 56.8 | 51.9 | 0.2 | 5.1 |
| Educational & Health Services | 31.4 | 31.8 | 30.1 | -0.4 | 1.3 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 26.8 | 27.7 | 24.7 | -0.9 | 2.1 |
| Other Services | 10.2 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Government | 40.3 | 40.8 | 38.8 | -0.5 | 1.5 |
| Federal Government | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 17.5 | 18.1 | 16.3 | -0.6 | 1.2 |
| Local Government | 19.9 | 19.8 | 19.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

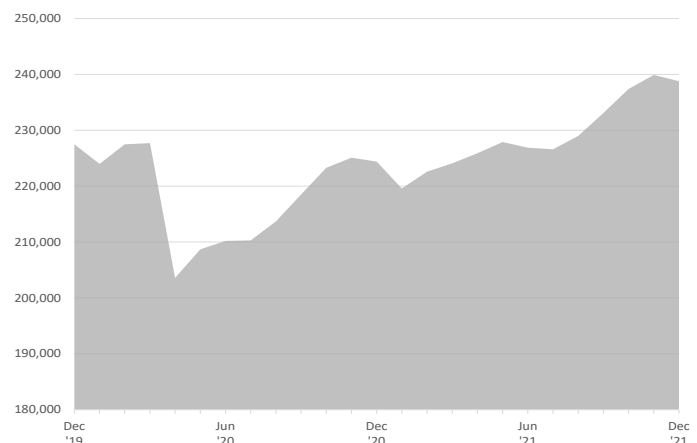
Employment

December: 2011 - 2021



Jobs in Service Providing Industries

December 2019 - December 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| | <u>Dec 21</u> | <u>Nov 21</u> | <u>Dec 20</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 118,851 | 119,473 | 119,095 | -622 | -244 |
| Employment | 116,254 | 116,990 | 113,600 | -736 | 2,654 |
| Unemployment | 2,597 | 2,483 | 5,495 | 114 | -2,898 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.2 | 2.1 | 4.6 | 0.1 | -2.4 |

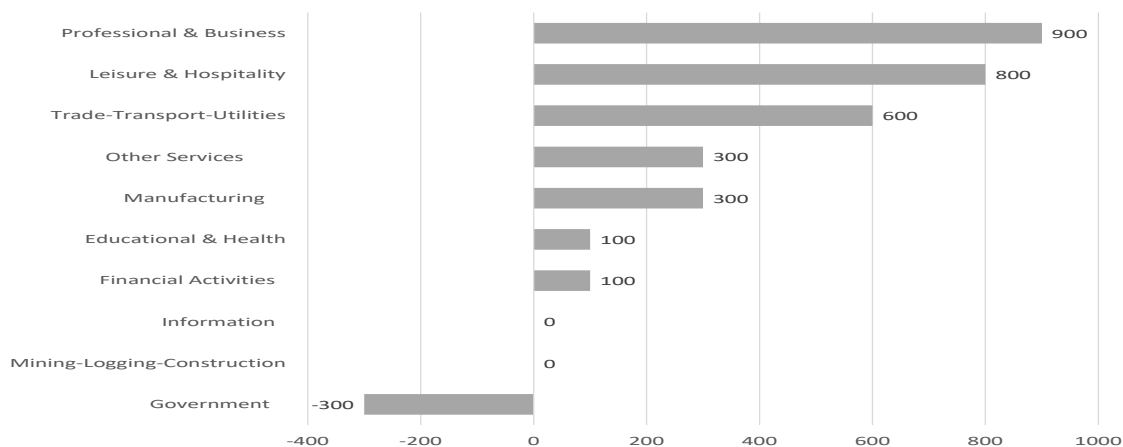
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| <u>NAICS</u> | <u>Dec 21</u> | <u>Nov 21</u> | <u>Dec 20</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm | 113.2 | 113.8 | 110.4 | -0.6 | 2.8 |
| Goods Producing | 22.7 | 22.7 | 22.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Mining, Logging & Construction | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Manufacturing | 17.1 | 17.1 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Service Providing | 90.5 | 91.1 | 88.0 | -0.6 | 2.5 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 24.8 | 24.6 | 24.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.4 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.6 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Information | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Financial Activities | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Professional & Business Services | 12.6 | 12.8 | 11.7 | -0.2 | 0.9 |
| Educational & Health Services | 16.7 | 16.9 | 16.6 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 9.0 | 9.2 | 8.2 | -0.2 | 0.8 |
| Other Services | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Government | 17.8 | 18.0 | 18.1 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Federal Government | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.8 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 13.9 | 14.0 | 14.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector

December 2020 vs December 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| | Dec 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 20 | OTM | QTY |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 39,876 | 39,796 | 41,671 | 80 | -1,795 |
| Employment | 38,675 | 38,694 | 39,201 | -19 | -526 |
| Unemployment | 1,201 | 1,102 | 2,470 | 99 | -1,269 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.0 | 2.8 | 5.9 | 0.2 | -2.9 |

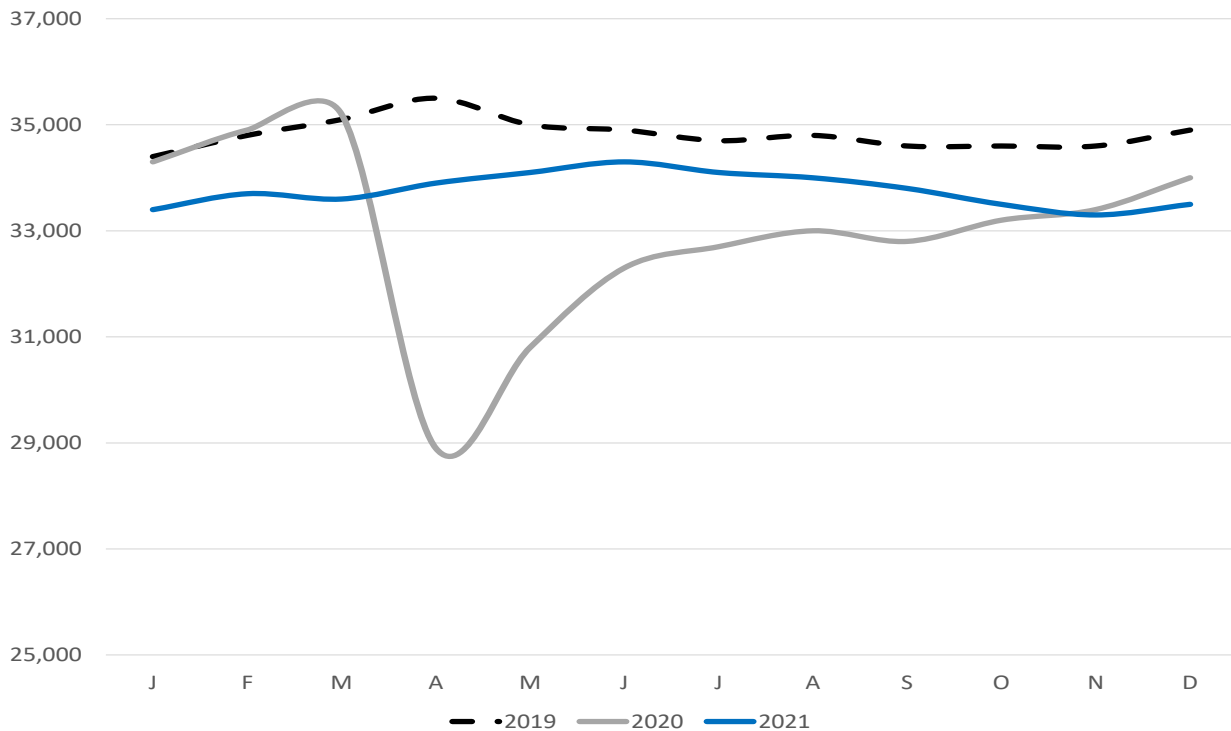
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| NAICS | Dec 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 20 | OTM | QTY |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm | 38.2 | 38.0 | 38.6 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| Goods Producing | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Service Providing | 33.5 | 33.3 | 34.0 | 0.2 | -0.5 |
| Government | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2019 - December 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| | Dec 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 20 | OTM | QTY |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 66,622 | 66,595 | 66,493 | 27 | 129 |
| Employment | 65,351 | 65,460 | 63,868 | -109 | 1,483 |
| Unemployment | 1,271 | 1,135 | 2,625 | 136 | -1,354 |
| Unemployment Rate | 1.9 | 1.7 | 3.9 | 0.2 | -2.0 |

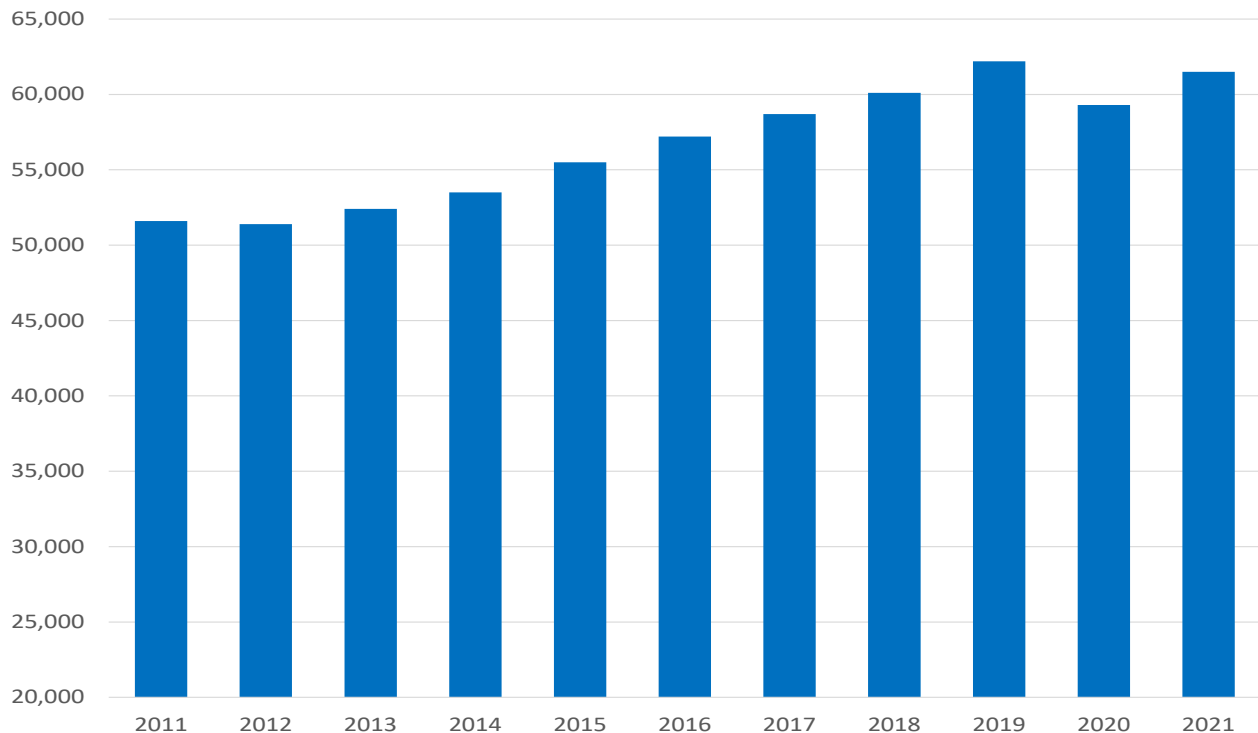
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| NAICS | Dec 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 20 | OTM | QTY |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm | 61.5 | 61.5 | 59.3 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| Goods Producing | 10.4 | 10.6 | 10.4 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| Service Providing | 51.1 | 50.9 | 48.9 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| Government | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

December: 2011 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Pine Bluff MSA**

The Pine Bluff MSA = Cleveland, Jefferson, & Lincoln counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| | Dec 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 20 | OTM | QTY |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 34,195 | 33,925 | 34,939 | 270 | -744 |
| Employment | 32,856 | 32,713 | 32,637 | 143 | 219 |
| Unemployment | 1,339 | 1,212 | 2,302 | 127 | -963 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.9 | 3.6 | 6.6 | 0.3 | -2.7 |

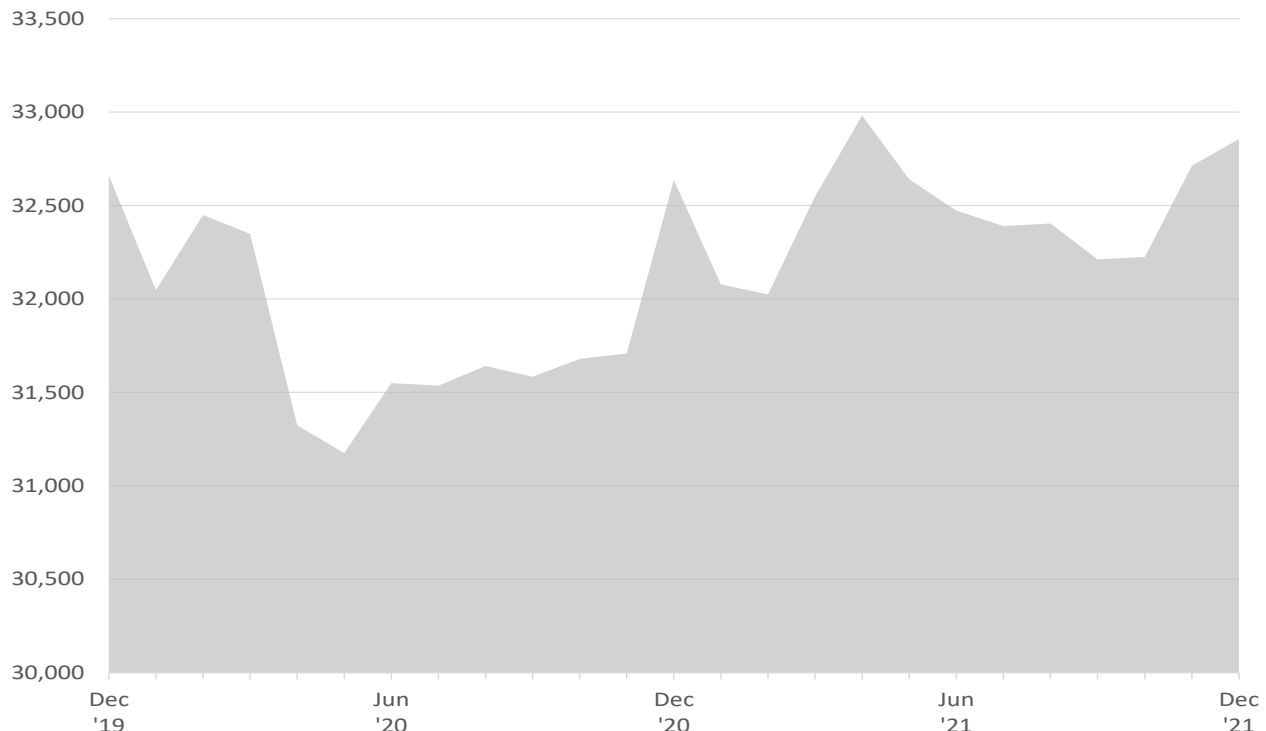
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| NAICS | Dec 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 20 | OTM | QTY |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm | 32.5 | 32.4 | 32.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Goods Producing | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Service Providing | 26.9 | 26.8 | 26.3 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Government | 8.9 | 9.0 | 9.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 |

Number of Employed

December 2019 - December 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

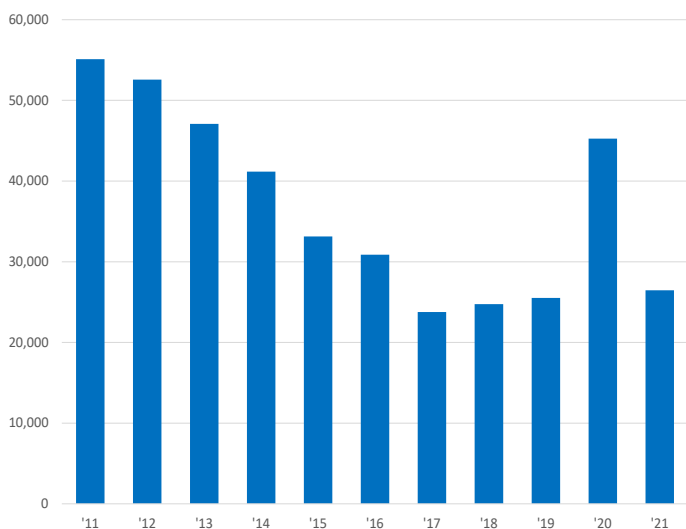
| | <u>Dec 21</u> | <u>Nov 21</u> | <u>Dec 20</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 651,646 | 645,184 | 651,858 | 6,462 | -212 |
| Employment | 625,187 | 620,065 | 606,594 | 5,122 | 18,593 |
| Unemployment | 26,459 | 25,119 | 45,264 | 1,340 | -18,805 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.1 | 3.9 | 6.9 | 0.2 | -2.8 |

Texarkana MSA

The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

| | <u>Dec 21</u> | <u>Nov 21</u> | <u>Dec 20</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 64,154 | 63,854 | 64,045 | 300 | 109 |
| Employment | 61,536 | 61,181 | 60,285 | 355 | 1,251 |
| Unemployment | 2,618 | 2,673 | 3,760 | -55 | -1,142 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.1 | 4.2 | 5.9 | -0.1 | -1.8 |

Memphis MSA - Number of Unemployed
December: 2011 - 2021



Texarkana MSA - Employment
December 2019 - December 2021



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

| Micro Area | December 2021 | | | | November 2021 | | | | December 2020 | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------|-------|------|---------------|--------|-------|------|---------------|--------|-------|------|
| | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,892 | 8,639 | 253 | 2.8 | 8,931 | 8,705 | 226 | 2.5 | 9,504 | 9,057 | 447 | 4.7 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,681 | 16,295 | 386 | 2.3 | 16,600 | 16,257 | 343 | 2.1 | 16,778 | 16,059 | 719 | 4.3 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,412 | 15,661 | 751 | 4.6 | 16,432 | 15,749 | 683 | 4.2 | 17,019 | 15,797 | 1,222 | 7.2 |
| Camden Micro | 12,456 | 12,155 | 301 | 2.4 | 12,384 | 12,115 | 269 | 2.2 | 12,338 | 11,812 | 526 | 4.3 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,077 | 14,483 | 594 | 3.9 | 15,024 | 14,467 | 557 | 3.7 | 15,525 | 14,514 | 1,011 | 6.5 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,712 | 7,412 | 300 | 3.9 | 7,724 | 7,451 | 273 | 3.5 | 7,962 | 7,431 | 531 | 6.7 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,223 | 18,902 | 321 | 1.7 | 19,247 | 18,960 | 287 | 1.5 | 19,151 | 18,446 | 705 | 3.7 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,693 | 5,382 | 311 | 5.5 | 5,699 | 5,425 | 274 | 4.8 | 6,435 | 5,927 | 508 | 7.9 |
| Hope Micro | 12,626 | 12,322 | 304 | 2.4 | 12,716 | 12,439 | 277 | 2.2 | 13,021 | 12,493 | 528 | 4.1 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,900 | 8,616 | 284 | 3.2 | 8,923 | 8,664 | 259 | 2.9 | 9,276 | 8,637 | 639 | 6.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,815 | 13,493 | 322 | 2.3 | 13,801 | 13,500 | 301 | 2.2 | 14,253 | 13,633 | 620 | 4.3 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,594 | 16,221 | 373 | 2.2 | 16,560 | 16,226 | 334 | 2.0 | 16,656 | 15,910 | 746 | 4.5 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,424 | 19,047 | 377 | 1.9 | 19,524 | 19,182 | 342 | 1.8 | 19,295 | 18,479 | 816 | 4.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,307 | 34,408 | 899 | 2.5 | 35,263 | 34,499 | 764 | 2.2 | 36,285 | 34,652 | 1,633 | 4.5 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,201 | 33,358 | 843 | 2.5 | 34,131 | 33,380 | 751 | 2.2 | 34,383 | 32,693 | 1,690 | 4.9 |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

| City | December 2021 | | | | November 2021 | | | | December 2020 | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|--------|-------|------|---------------|--------|-------|------|---------------|--------|-------|------|
| | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate |
| Bella Vista | 12,919 | 12,627 | 292 | 2.3 | 12,914 | 12,667 | 247 | 1.9 | 12,616 | 12,073 | 543 | 4.3 |
| Benton | 17,223 | 16,920 | 303 | 1.8 | 17,202 | 16,916 | 286 | 1.7 | 17,445 | 16,790 | 655 | 3.8 |
| Bentonville | 30,415 | 30,031 | 384 | 1.3 | 30,490 | 30,125 | 365 | 1.2 | 29,602 | 28,714 | 888 | 3.0 |
| Blytheville | 5,500 | 5,260 | 240 | 4.4 | 5,546 | 5,290 | 256 | 4.6 | 5,814 | 5,306 | 508 | 8.7 |
| Cabot | 11,697 | 11,464 | 233 | 2.0 | 11,702 | 11,497 | 205 | 1.8 | 11,934 | 11,439 | 495 | 4.1 |
| Conway | 33,620 | 32,931 | 689 | 2.0 | 33,579 | 32,955 | 624 | 1.9 | 34,117 | 32,717 | 1,400 | 4.1 |
| El Dorado | 6,536 | 6,247 | 289 | 4.4 | 6,535 | 6,240 | 295 | 4.5 | 6,762 | 6,260 | 502 | 7.4 |
| Fayetteville | 51,006 | 50,163 | 843 | 1.7 | 51,134 | 50,332 | 802 | 1.6 | 49,861 | 47,958 | 1,903 | 3.8 |
| Fort Smith | 38,957 | 38,107 | 850 | 2.2 | 39,031 | 38,253 | 778 | 2.0 | 39,209 | 37,426 | 1,783 | 4.5 |
| Hot Springs | 14,838 | 14,318 | 520 | 3.5 | 14,797 | 14,325 | 472 | 3.2 | 15,505 | 14,512 | 993 | 6.4 |
| Jacksonville | 11,429 | 10,986 | 443 | 3.9 | 11,411 | 10,982 | 429 | 3.8 | 11,792 | 10,901 | 891 | 7.6 |
| Jonesboro | 39,919 | 39,207 | 712 | 1.8 | 39,852 | 39,238 | 614 | 1.5 | 39,781 | 38,254 | 1,527 | 3.8 |
| Little Rock | 95,339 | 92,348 | 2,991 | 3.1 | 95,039 | 92,315 | 2,724 | 2.9 | 97,273 | 91,639 | 5,634 | 5.8 |
| North Little Rock | 29,167 | 28,316 | 851 | 2.9 | 29,133 | 28,306 | 827 | 2.8 | 30,063 | 28,099 | 1,964 | 6.5 |
| Paragould | 12,332 | 12,066 | 266 | 2.2 | 12,414 | 12,151 | 263 | 2.1 | 12,297 | 11,706 | 591 | 4.8 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,190 | 15,422 | 768 | 4.7 | 16,029 | 15,326 | 703 | 4.4 | 16,658 | 15,281 | 1,377 | 8.3 |
| Rogers | 38,115 | 37,591 | 524 | 1.4 | 38,198 | 37,710 | 488 | 1.3 | 37,175 | 35,943 | 1,232 | 3.3 |
| Russellville | 12,615 | 12,352 | 263 | 2.1 | 12,597 | 12,365 | 232 | 1.8 | 12,940 | 12,407 | 533 | 4.1 |
| Searcy | 10,329 | 10,120 | 209 | 2.0 | 10,314 | 10,127 | 187 | 1.8 | 10,334 | 9,919 | 415 | 4.0 |
| Sherwood | 15,770 | 15,436 | 334 | 2.1 | 15,702 | 15,430 | 272 | 1.7 | 16,092 | 15,317 | 775 | 4.8 |
| Springdale | 41,673 | 40,978 | 695 | 1.7 | 41,748 | 41,116 | 632 | 1.5 | 40,572 | 39,178 | 1,394 | 3.4 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,259 | 12,811 | 448 | 3.4 | 13,147 | 12,740 | 407 | 3.1 | 13,416 | 12,623 | 793 | 5.9 |
| Van Buren | 10,337 | 10,105 | 232 | 2.2 | 10,351 | 10,156 | 195 | 1.9 | 10,364 | 9,950 | 414 | 4.0 |
| West Memphis | 10,392 | 10,049 | 343 | 3.3 | 10,311 | 10,009 | 302 | 2.9 | 10,615 | 9,871 | 744 | 7.0 |

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

| County | December 2021 | | | | November 2021 | | | | December 2020 | | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------|-------|------|---------------|---------|-------|------|---------------|---------|-------|------|
| | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate |
| Arkansas | 9,684 | 9,446 | 238 | 2.5 | 9,658 | 9,446 | 212 | 2.2 | 9,572 | 9,243 | 329 | 3.4 |
| Ashley | 6,640 | 6,314 | 326 | 4.9 | 6,691 | 6,394 | 297 | 4.4 | 7,078 | 6,524 | 554 | 7.8 |
| Baxter | 16,594 | 16,221 | 373 | 2.2 | 16,560 | 16,226 | 334 | 2.0 | 16,656 | 15,910 | 746 | 4.5 |
| Benton | 147,430 | 145,124 | 2,306 | 1.6 | 147,678 | 145,580 | 2,098 | 1.4 | 143,616 | 138,759 | 4,857 | 3.4 |
| Boone | 15,958 | 15,695 | 263 | 1.6 | 15,964 | 15,726 | 238 | 1.5 | 15,880 | 15,294 | 586 | 3.7 |
| Bradley | 4,042 | 3,932 | 110 | 2.7 | 4,034 | 3,930 | 104 | 2.6 | 4,401 | 4,194 | 207 | 4.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,446 | 2,400 | 46 | 1.9 | 2,447 | 2,406 | 41 | 1.7 | 2,454 | 2,357 | 97 | 4.0 |
| Carroll | 12,684 | 12,440 | 244 | 1.9 | 12,873 | 12,664 | 209 | 1.6 | 12,568 | 12,000 | 568 | 4.5 |
| Chicot | 2,989 | 2,814 | 175 | 5.9 | 3,002 | 2,847 | 155 | 5.2 | 3,252 | 2,940 | 312 | 9.6 |
| Clark | 8,892 | 8,639 | 253 | 2.8 | 8,931 | 8,705 | 226 | 2.5 | 9,504 | 9,057 | 447 | 4.7 |
| Clay | 5,303 | 5,169 | 134 | 2.5 | 5,370 | 5,259 | 111 | 2.1 | 5,504 | 5,255 | 249 | 4.5 |
| Cleburne | 8,889 | 8,628 | 261 | 2.9 | 8,942 | 8,707 | 235 | 2.6 | 9,073 | 8,546 | 527 | 5.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,152 | 3,078 | 74 | 2.3 | 3,150 | 3,083 | 67 | 2.1 | 3,250 | 3,083 | 167 | 5.1 |
| Columbia | 8,900 | 8,616 | 284 | 3.2 | 8,923 | 8,664 | 259 | 2.9 | 9,276 | 8,637 | 639 | 6.9 |
| Conway | 8,262 | 8,054 | 208 | 2.5 | 8,218 | 8,031 | 187 | 2.3 | 8,515 | 8,125 | 390 | 4.6 |
| Craighead | 56,632 | 55,591 | 1,041 | 1.8 | 56,566 | 55,635 | 931 | 1.6 | 56,421 | 54,239 | 2,182 | 3.9 |
| Crawford | 26,506 | 25,939 | 567 | 2.1 | 26,590 | 26,069 | 521 | 2.0 | 26,649 | 25,541 | 1,108 | 4.2 |
| Crittenden | 21,145 | 20,531 | 614 | 2.9 | 21,009 | 20,450 | 559 | 2.7 | 21,465 | 20,168 | 1,297 | 6.0 |
| Cross | 6,991 | 6,797 | 194 | 2.8 | 7,031 | 6,861 | 170 | 2.4 | 7,236 | 6,886 | 350 | 4.8 |
| Dallas | 2,772 | 2,699 | 73 | 2.6 | 2,785 | 2,712 | 73 | 2.6 | 2,894 | 2,787 | 107 | 3.7 |
| Desha | 4,975 | 4,778 | 197 | 4.0 | 5,015 | 4,837 | 178 | 3.5 | 5,293 | 4,991 | 302 | 5.7 |
| Drew | 7,768 | 7,527 | 241 | 3.1 | 7,769 | 7,556 | 213 | 2.7 | 7,784 | 7,345 | 439 | 5.6 |
| Faulkner | 61,041 | 59,790 | 1,251 | 2.0 | 60,979 | 59,834 | 1,145 | 1.9 | 61,937 | 59,402 | 2,535 | 4.1 |
| Franklin | 7,274 | 7,109 | 165 | 2.3 | 7,321 | 7,171 | 150 | 2.0 | 7,520 | 7,188 | 332 | 4.4 |
| Fulton | 4,867 | 4,763 | 104 | 2.1 | 4,899 | 4,803 | 96 | 2.0 | 4,899 | 4,675 | 224 | 4.6 |
| Garland | 39,876 | 38,675 | 1,201 | 3.0 | 39,796 | 38,694 | 1,102 | 2.8 | 41,671 | 39,201 | 2,470 | 5.9 |
| Grant | 8,128 | 7,968 | 160 | 2.0 | 8,130 | 7,982 | 148 | 1.8 | 8,290 | 7,953 | 337 | 4.1 |
| Greene | 19,424 | 19,047 | 377 | 1.9 | 19,524 | 19,182 | 342 | 1.8 | 19,295 | 18,479 | 816 | 4.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,212 | 9,000 | 212 | 2.3 | 9,281 | 9,093 | 188 | 2.0 | 9,510 | 9,139 | 371 | 3.9 |
| Hot Spring | 13,815 | 13,493 | 322 | 2.3 | 13,801 | 13,500 | 301 | 2.2 | 14,253 | 13,633 | 620 | 4.3 |
| Howard | 5,553 | 5,443 | 110 | 2.0 | 5,581 | 5,474 | 107 | 1.9 | 5,579 | 5,368 | 211 | 3.8 |
| Independence | 16,681 | 16,295 | 386 | 2.3 | 16,600 | 16,257 | 343 | 2.1 | 16,778 | 16,059 | 719 | 4.3 |
| Izard | 4,326 | 4,163 | 163 | 3.8 | 4,336 | 4,196 | 140 | 3.2 | 4,567 | 4,272 | 295 | 6.5 |
| Jackson | 5,585 | 5,391 | 194 | 3.5 | 5,621 | 5,457 | 164 | 2.9 | 5,904 | 5,552 | 352 | 6.0 |
| Jefferson | 27,255 | 26,100 | 1,155 | 4.2 | 26,986 | 25,937 | 1,049 | 3.9 | 27,809 | 25,862 | 1,947 | 7.0 |
| Johnson | 9,894 | 9,585 | 309 | 3.1 | 9,943 | 9,665 | 278 | 2.8 | 10,255 | 9,756 | 499 | 4.9 |
| Lafayette | 2,267 | 2,189 | 78 | 3.4 | 2,306 | 2,236 | 70 | 3.0 | 2,437 | 2,262 | 175 | 7.2 |
| Lawrence | 6,740 | 6,572 | 168 | 2.5 | 6,806 | 6,651 | 155 | 2.3 | 6,878 | 6,536 | 342 | 5.0 |
| Lee | 2,487 | 2,395 | 92 | 3.7 | 2,521 | 2,439 | 82 | 3.3 | 2,810 | 2,628 | 182 | 6.5 |
| Lincoln | 3,788 | 3,678 | 110 | 2.9 | 3,789 | 3,693 | 96 | 2.5 | 3,880 | 3,692 | 188 | 4.8 |
| Little River | 5,381 | 5,228 | 153 | 2.8 | 5,329 | 5,189 | 140 | 2.6 | 5,437 | 5,152 | 285 | 5.2 |
| Logan | 8,373 | 8,164 | 209 | 2.5 | 8,409 | 8,217 | 192 | 2.3 | 8,668 | 8,254 | 414 | 4.8 |
| Lonoke | 33,035 | 32,367 | 668 | 2.0 | 33,073 | 32,461 | 612 | 1.9 | 33,716 | 32,297 | 1,419 | 4.2 |
| Madison | 7,713 | 7,573 | 140 | 1.8 | 7,793 | 7,668 | 125 | 1.6 | 7,622 | 7,374 | 248 | 3.3 |
| Marion | 5,997 | 5,844 | 153 | 2.6 | 6,017 | 5,879 | 138 | 2.3 | 6,073 | 5,731 | 342 | 5.6 |
| Miller | 19,287 | 18,697 | 590 | 3.1 | 19,133 | 18,593 | 540 | 2.8 | 19,445 | 18,422 | 1,023 | 5.3 |

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

| County | December 2021 | | | | November 2021 | | | | December 2020 | | | |
|-------------|---------------|---------|-------|------|---------------|---------|-------|------|---------------|---------|--------|------|
| | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate |
| Mississippi | 16,412 | 15,661 | 751 | 4.6 | 16,432 | 15,749 | 683 | 4.2 | 17,019 | 15,797 | 1,222 | 7.2 |
| Monroe | 2,644 | 2,552 | 92 | 3.5 | 2,643 | 2,560 | 83 | 3.1 | 2,728 | 2,553 | 175 | 6.4 |
| Montgomery | 2,712 | 2,608 | 104 | 3.8 | 2,777 | 2,690 | 87 | 3.1 | 2,991 | 2,818 | 173 | 5.8 |
| Nevada | 3,414 | 3,322 | 92 | 2.7 | 3,435 | 3,346 | 89 | 2.6 | 3,511 | 3,354 | 157 | 4.5 |
| Newton | 3,265 | 3,207 | 58 | 1.8 | 3,283 | 3,234 | 49 | 1.5 | 3,271 | 3,152 | 119 | 3.6 |
| Ouachita | 10,010 | 9,755 | 255 | 2.5 | 9,937 | 9,709 | 228 | 2.3 | 9,884 | 9,455 | 429 | 4.3 |
| Perry | 4,150 | 4,032 | 118 | 2.8 | 4,158 | 4,053 | 105 | 2.5 | 4,210 | 4,025 | 185 | 4.4 |
| Phillips | 5,693 | 5,382 | 311 | 5.5 | 5,699 | 5,425 | 274 | 4.8 | 6,435 | 5,927 | 508 | 7.9 |
| Pike | 4,153 | 4,036 | 117 | 2.8 | 4,193 | 4,084 | 109 | 2.6 | 4,326 | 4,106 | 220 | 5.1 |
| Poinsett | 9,990 | 9,760 | 230 | 2.3 | 10,029 | 9,825 | 204 | 2.0 | 10,072 | 9,629 | 443 | 4.4 |
| Polk | 7,669 | 7,447 | 222 | 2.9 | 7,720 | 7,532 | 188 | 2.4 | 8,043 | 7,622 | 421 | 5.2 |
| Pope | 27,430 | 26,734 | 696 | 2.5 | 27,349 | 26,761 | 588 | 2.1 | 28,143 | 26,853 | 1,290 | 4.6 |
| Prairie | 3,541 | 3,470 | 71 | 2.0 | 3,588 | 3,523 | 65 | 1.8 | 3,664 | 3,501 | 163 | 4.4 |
| Pulaski | 184,956 | 179,562 | 5,394 | 2.9 | 184,521 | 179,498 | 5,023 | 2.7 | 189,195 | 178,184 | 11,011 | 5.8 |
| Randolph | 7,433 | 7,266 | 167 | 2.2 | 7,463 | 7,312 | 151 | 2.0 | 7,606 | 7,235 | 371 | 4.9 |
| St. Francis | 7,712 | 7,412 | 300 | 3.9 | 7,724 | 7,451 | 273 | 3.5 | 7,962 | 7,431 | 531 | 6.7 |
| Saline | 57,795 | 56,709 | 1,086 | 1.9 | 57,700 | 56,698 | 1,002 | 1.7 | 58,484 | 56,275 | 2,209 | 3.8 |
| Scott | 4,240 | 4,160 | 80 | 1.9 | 4,273 | 4,201 | 72 | 1.7 | 4,412 | 4,232 | 180 | 4.1 |
| Searcy | 2,787 | 2,703 | 84 | 3.0 | 2,828 | 2,756 | 72 | 2.5 | 2,789 | 2,657 | 132 | 4.7 |
| Sebastian | 56,133 | 54,918 | 1,215 | 2.2 | 56,228 | 55,128 | 1,100 | 2.0 | 56,472 | 53,936 | 2,536 | 4.5 |
| Sevier | 5,402 | 5,251 | 151 | 2.8 | 5,412 | 5,281 | 131 | 2.4 | 5,557 | 5,272 | 285 | 5.1 |
| Sharp | 5,614 | 5,444 | 170 | 3.0 | 5,633 | 5,486 | 147 | 2.6 | 5,712 | 5,362 | 350 | 6.1 |
| Stone | 4,335 | 4,195 | 140 | 3.2 | 4,417 | 4,299 | 118 | 2.7 | 4,614 | 4,322 | 292 | 6.3 |
| Union | 15,077 | 14,483 | 594 | 3.9 | 15,024 | 14,467 | 557 | 3.7 | 15,525 | 14,514 | 1,011 | 6.5 |
| Van Buren | 5,750 | 5,578 | 172 | 3.0 | 5,811 | 5,661 | 150 | 2.6 | 5,780 | 5,407 | 373 | 6.5 |
| Washington | 132,653 | 130,503 | 2,150 | 1.6 | 132,880 | 130,943 | 1,937 | 1.5 | 129,311 | 124,768 | 4,543 | 3.5 |
| White | 34,201 | 33,358 | 843 | 2.5 | 34,131 | 33,380 | 751 | 2.2 | 34,383 | 32,693 | 1,690 | 4.9 |
| Woodruff | 2,720 | 2,640 | 80 | 2.9 | 2,735 | 2,660 | 75 | 2.7 | 2,836 | 2,692 | 144 | 5.1 |
| Yell | 7,877 | 7,674 | 203 | 2.6 | 7,914 | 7,738 | 176 | 2.2 | 8,142 | 7,799 | 343 | 4.2 |

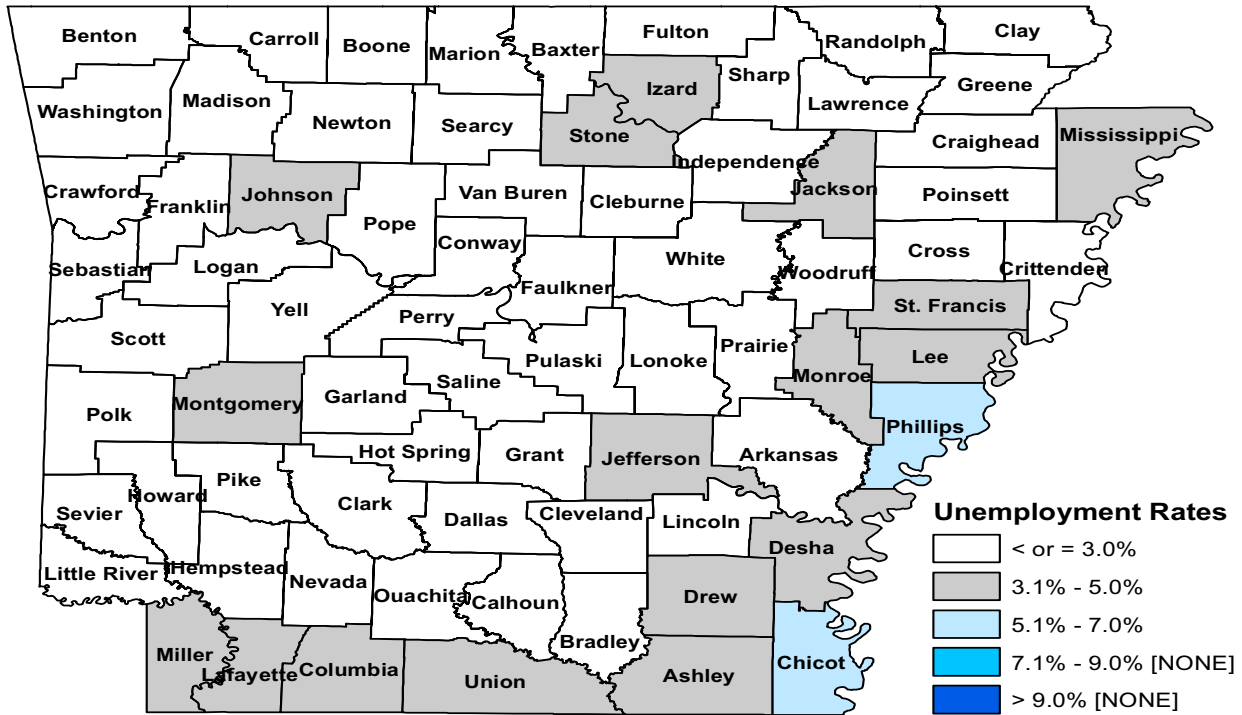
County Labor Force Summary

Between November and December, unemployment rates increased in 74 of Arkansas' 75 counties. One county-- Dallas County-- was unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 1.6 percent in Benton, Boone, and Washington counties to a high of 5.9 percent in Chicot County.

For the fourth month in a row, no county in Arkansas posted an unemployment rate above seven percent. Seventy counties had jobless rates at or below four percent in December, down from 71 counties at or below four percent last month.

Compared to December 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Over-the-year rate changes ranged from a nine-tenths of a percentage point decrease in Arkansas County to as much as a three and eight-tenths of a percentage point decline in Lafayette County.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

December 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| Rank | County | Rate | Rank | County | Rate | Rank | County | Rate |
|------|------------|------|------|--------------|------|------|-------------|------|
| 1 | Benton | 1.6 | 22 | Independence | 2.3 | 47 | Pulaski | 2.9 |
| 1 | Boone | 1.6 | 22 | Poinsett | 2.3 | 47 | Woodruff | 2.9 |
| 1 | Washington | 1.6 | 28 | Arkansas | 2.5 | 53 | Garland | 3.0 |
| 4 | Craighead | 1.8 | 28 | Clay | 2.5 | 53 | Searcy | 3.0 |
| 4 | Madison | 1.8 | 28 | Conway | 2.5 | 53 | Sharp | 3.0 |
| 4 | Newton | 1.8 | 28 | Lawrence | 2.5 | 53 | Van Buren | 3.0 |
| 7 | Calhoun | 1.9 | 28 | Logan | 2.5 | 57 | Drew | 3.1 |
| 7 | Carroll | 1.9 | 28 | Ouachita | 2.5 | 57 | Johnson | 3.1 |
| 7 | Greene | 1.9 | 28 | Pope | 2.5 | 57 | Miller | 3.1 |
| 7 | Saline | 1.9 | 28 | White | 2.5 | 60 | Columbia | 3.2 |
| 7 | Scott | 1.9 | 36 | Dallas | 2.6 | 60 | Stone | 3.2 |
| 12 | Faulkner | 2.0 | 36 | Marion | 2.6 | 62 | Lafayette | 3.4 |
| 12 | Grant | 2.0 | 36 | Yell | 2.6 | 63 | Jackson | 3.5 |
| 12 | Howard | 2.0 | 39 | Bradley | 2.7 | 63 | Monroe | 3.5 |
| 12 | Lonoke | 2.0 | 39 | Nevada | 2.7 | 65 | Lee | 3.7 |
| 12 | Prairie | 2.0 | 41 | Clark | 2.8 | 66 | Izard | 3.8 |
| 17 | Crawford | 2.1 | 41 | Cross | 2.8 | 66 | Montgomery | 3.8 |
| 17 | Fulton | 2.1 | 41 | Little River | 2.8 | 68 | St. Francis | 3.9 |
| 19 | Baxter | 2.2 | 41 | Perry | 2.8 | 68 | Union | 3.9 |
| 19 | Randolph | 2.2 | 41 | Pike | 2.8 | 70 | Desha | 4.0 |
| 19 | Sebastian | 2.2 | 41 | Sevier | 2.8 | 71 | Jefferson | 4.2 |
| 22 | Cleveland | 2.3 | 47 | Cleburne | 2.9 | 72 | Mississippi | 4.6 |
| 22 | Franklin | 2.3 | 47 | Crittenden | 2.9 | 73 | Ashley | 4.9 |
| 22 | Hempstead | 2.3 | 47 | Lincoln | 2.9 | 74 | Phillips | 5.5 |
| 22 | Hot Spring | 2.3 | 47 | Polk | 2.9 | 75 | Chicot | 5.9 |

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

| LWDA | December 2021 | | | | November 2021 | | | | December 2020 | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|-------|------|---------------|---------|-------|------|---------------|---------|--------|------|
| | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate |
| Central (minus LR) | 247,673 | 242,102 | 5,571 | 2.2 | 247,465 | 242,259 | 5,206 | 2.1 | 252,451 | 240,573 | 11,878 | 4.7 |
| City of Little Rock | 95,339 | 92,348 | 2,991 | 3.1 | 95,039 | 92,315 | 2,724 | 2.9 | 97,273 | 91,639 | 5,634 | 5.8 |
| Eastern | 44,028 | 42,517 | 1,511 | 3.4 | 43,984 | 42,626 | 1,358 | 3.1 | 45,908 | 43,040 | 2,868 | 6.2 |
| North Central | 92,968 | 90,455 | 2,513 | 2.7 | 93,125 | 90,906 | 2,219 | 2.4 | 94,546 | 89,580 | 4,966 | 5.3 |
| Northeast | 121,934 | 119,066 | 2,868 | 2.4 | 122,190 | 119,613 | 2,577 | 2.1 | 122,795 | 117,170 | 5,625 | 4.6 |
| Northwest | 345,081 | 339,310 | 5,771 | 1.7 | 345,876 | 340,676 | 5,200 | 1.5 | 337,786 | 325,645 | 12,141 | 3.6 |
| Southeast | 78,421 | 75,635 | 2,786 | 3.6 | 78,224 | 75,705 | 2,519 | 3.2 | 80,609 | 75,827 | 4,782 | 5.9 |
| Southwest | 89,721 | 87,083 | 2,638 | 2.9 | 89,593 | 87,170 | 2,423 | 2.7 | 91,509 | 86,719 | 4,790 | 5.2 |
| West Central | 127,061 | 123,530 | 3,531 | 2.8 | 127,080 | 123,921 | 3,159 | 2.5 | 132,010 | 125,373 | 6,637 | 5.0 |
| Western | 110,195 | 107,737 | 2,458 | 2.2 | 110,541 | 108,318 | 2,223 | 2.0 | 111,764 | 106,773 | 4,991 | 4.5 |

